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48. The method of claim 40, wherein:

the generating means includes means for specifying a user name in the alarm notification and the application which receives the alarm notification includes means to notify a user having the specified user name.

49. The method of claim 40, wherein:

the assigning means includes means for scheduling the means for applying to occur at a specified time. --

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## REMARKS

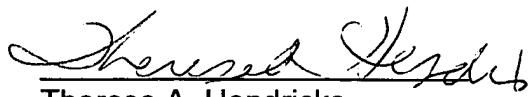
Applicants note with appreciation the examiner's indication that claims 3-4 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response thereto, applicants have amended the claims consistent with the indicated allowable subject matter, and with certain minor amendments for consistency, as follows:

- (a) amended claims 1-15 are based on amended independent method claim 1, which includes the limitations of prior claim 3;
- (b) amended and new claims 16-25 are based on amended independent apparatus claim 16, which includes the allowable subject matter of claim 3;
- (c) new claims 26-39 are based on new independent method claim 26, which includes the allowable subject matter of prior claim 10;
- (d) new claims 40-49 are based on new independent apparatus claim 40, which includes the allowable subject matter of prior claim 10.

Applicants believe the amended claims are in condition for allowance. If the examiner has any questions, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicants also submit herewith a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement including a copy of a reference cited by the European branch of the PCT Office in a related PCT case.

Respectfully Submitted,



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